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**RUSS LAKE in SPRINGFIELD UNDER ADVISORY AFTER RAW SEWAGE RELEASE**

***City of Springfield reports 2,500-gallons raw sewage release***



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**Panama City, Fla.** –The City of Springfield is reporting a release of **2,500 gallons of raw sewage**. This is due to an **equipment malfunction at a lift station in the 4000 block of 12<sup>th</sup> Court**. The release entered a **storm drain that feeds into Russ Lake**. Cleanup actions have been completed

Sewage contamination of water can expose swimmers to **intestinal viruses, bacteria, and parasites**. Swimming in the water may cause **symptoms like food poisoning** with vomiting and diarrhea. **Infection is possible** in **open cuts and wounds** that come in contact with the water.

The Florida Department of Health in Bay County, DOH-Bay, **advises against swimming in Russ Lake between E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street to E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street**. The **City of Springfield is testing** the water and will share results with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Bay County Health Department. **Once levels are safe, the advisory will be lifted**.

For more information, contact the DOH-Bay's Environmental Health office at 850-481-4806 or visit [Bay.FloridaHealth.gov](http://Bay.FloridaHealth.gov).

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